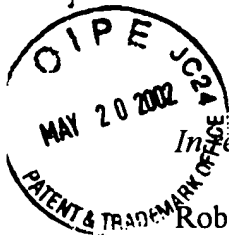


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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time to file a response to the final Office Action mailed November 7, 2001 be extended by three months to May 7, 2002. The required fee of \$460.00 is enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-67653/RFT/AMS).

Respectfully submitted,

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